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TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: OCTOBER 15 PRESS GUIDANCE FOR THE EAP REGION

ALL POSTS -- ALSO FOR USIS
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2. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCES WERE PREPARED ON
10/15/96. AT THAT DAY'S PRESS BRIEFING, SPOKESMAN
NICHOLAS USED THE ANSWERS IN PARA 3, THE FIRST ANSWER IN

PARA 4, AND HE PARAPHRASED THE SECOND ANSWER IN PARA 5. POSTS MAY DRAW FROM THE REMAINDER ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

3. LORD TRAVEL TO CHINA AND JAPAN

Q. CAN YOU PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS WINSTON LORD'S TRAVEL?

A. AMBASSADOR LORD INDICATED DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS TRIP TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON OCTOBER 12 THAT HE DECIDED THAT WHILE IN THE REGION HE WOULD ALSO VISIT CHINA AND JAPAN. HE SAID HE WOULD TALK ABOUT HIS DISCUSSIONS IN KOREA AS WELL AS OTHER REGIONAL SECURITY AND ECONOMIC ISSUES.

-- AMBASSADOR LORD IS CURRENTLY IN CHINA AND WILL BE IN JAPAN OCTOBER 17-18.

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Q. WILL AMBASSADOR LORD RAISE U.S. CONCERNS ABOUT THE RECENT CHINESE CRACKDOWN ON HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS AND POLITICAL DISSIDENTS?

A. IN CHINA, WE EXPECT ASSISTANT SECRETARY LORD WILL DISCUSS A FULL RANGE OF ISSUES, INCLUDING HIS JUST COMPLETED VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA, THE SECRETARY'S UPCOMING TRIP IN NOVEMBER, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER AREAS, INCLUDING OUR CONCERNS ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. CHINA: DISSIDENT WANG XIZHE SEEKING U.S. ASYLUM?

Q. CAN YOU COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT CHINESE DISSIDENT WANG XIZHE FLED TO HONG KONG AND IS SEEKING ASYLUM IN THE U.S.? IS THE USG HELPING HIM? WILL WE GIVE HIM ASYLUM? HOW IS HE COMING TO THE U.S.? DOES HE HAVE A VISA? WHAT KIND?

A. I AM NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF MR. WANG'S EXPECTED ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES EXCEPT TO SAY THAT MR. WANG HAS BEEN DOCUMENTED TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES UNDER A PUBLIC INTEREST PAROLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 212(D)(5) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.

- THIS SECTION OF THE ACT GIVES BROAD AUTHORITY TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PERMIT A PERSON TO ENTER THE UNITED STATE TEMPORARILY FOR EMERGENCY REASONS OR IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

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Q. HAS WANG ASKED FOR ASYLUM?

A. AS A MATTER OF POLICY, WE DO NOT DISCUSS ASYLUM CASES.

5. CHINA: DISSIDENTS/WANG DAN, LIU XIABO

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER REACTION TO THE REPORTED DECISION TO TRY CHINESE DISSIDENT WANG DAN?

A. WE HAVE SEEN THE PRESS REPORTS THAT WANG DAN TOLD HIS MOTHER, ON HER FIRST VISIT SINCE HE WAS DETAINED NEARLY 17 MONTHS AGO, THAT THE SEDITION CHARGES AGAINST HIM ARE GROUNDLESS.

Q. WHAT IS THE USG REACTION TO CHINA'S ARREST OF DISSIDENTS, SUCH AS WANG DAN AND LIU XIAOBO?

A. THE USG BELIEVES THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT SHOULD PERMIT PEACEFUL EXPRESSION OF POLITICAL OPINIONS, AND SHOULD RESPECT FREEDOM OF SPEECH, PRESS, ASSEMBLY AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS. THESE FREEDOMS ARE GUARANTEED IN CHINA UNDER THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND CHINA'S OWN CONSTITUTION.

-- THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT SHOULD RELEASE ALL PERSONS HELD FOR EXERCISING THESE BASIC RIGHTS. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE LATEST EVENTS. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY CONVEYED OUR CONCERNS IN HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS, INCLUDING THE SECRETARY'S 9/25 MEETING

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WITH VICE PREMIER QIAN QICHEN.

Q. IS SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S TRIP TO CHINA STILL ON?
WILL THE SECRETARY'S DELEGATION BE STRUCTURED TO SHOW
THAT CONCERN FOR FREEDOM IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF U.S.
POLICY TOWARD CHINA?

A. YES, PLANNING FOR SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S TRIP TO
CHINA NEXT MONTH CONTINUES. THE SECRETARY HAS
RAISED HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS IN ALL OF HIS
NUMEROUS PRIOR MEETINGS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS,
AND HE WILL RAISE OUR CONCERNS AGAIN DURING THE
NEXT MEETING.

Q. SHOULD THE U.S. LINK HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS TO CHINESE
PROGRESS OR LACK OF PROGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS?

A. THE USG BELIEVES THAT HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE IS AN
IMPORTANT MEANS TO ADDRESS OUR CONCERNS AND MAKE
PROGRESS ON A VARIETY OF ISSUES. WE WILL CONTINUE
TO PRESS OUR CONCERNS HUMAN RIGHTS WITH TOP LEVELS
OF THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP.

6. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCES, ALSO PREPARED ON
10/15/96, WERE NOT USED AT THE BRIEFING. POSTS MAY DRAW
FROM THEM ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

7. NORTH KOREA: AMERICAN CITIZEN ARREST

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY UPDATE ON THE SITUATION OF THE
ARRESTED AMERICAN CITIZEN IN NORTH KOREA?
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A. ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11-12, THE SWEDISH
DIPLOMAT WHO REPRESENTS U.S. CONSULAR INTERESTS IN
NORTH KOREA VISITED THE DETAINED INDIVIDUAL. WE
CAN NOW IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL AS EVAN CARL
HUNZIKER. HE HAS SIGNED A FULL PRIVACY ACT WAIVER.

-- MR. HUNZIKER REMAINS UNDER DETENTION IN A HOTEL IN
SHINUJU, ABOUT 250 KILOMETERS FROM PYONGYANG.
THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT REPORTS THAT MR. HUNZIKER IS

IN GOOD HEALTH AND IN REASONABLY GOOD SPIRITS
CONSIDERING HIS CIRCUMSTANCES. MR. HUNZIKER DOES
NOT CLAIM MISTREATMENT BY THE DPRK.

- MR. HUNZIKER HAS TOLD THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT THAT HE
WISHES TO BE RELEASED AND RETURNED TO THE UNITED
STATES.

Q. HAS MR. HUNZIKER CONFESSED TO ESPIONAGE AGAINST NORTH
KOREA?

- A. MR. HUNZIKER ABSOLUTELY DENIES THE CHARGES THAT
THE NORTH KOREANS HAVE MADE AGAINST HIM. HE
REPORTS THAT HE NEVER MADE A CONFESSION THAT HE
WAS INVOLVED IN ESPIONAGE. HE ONLY SIGNED A
GENERAL STATEMENT ABOUT HIS BACKGROUND AND HOW HE
CAME TO NORTH KOREA.
- WE BELIEVE THAT THE CHARGES THAT HE IS INVOLVED IN
ESPIONAGE ARE LUDICROUS.

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Q. WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS ON THIS CASE FOR THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT?

- A. THROUGH OUR CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVE IN NORTH
KOREA, WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TO ENSURE THAT MR.
HUNZIKER CONTINUES TO BE TREATED HUMANELY AND THAT
HE RECEIVES ALL OF HIS RIGHTS, INCLUDING LEGAL
REPRESENTATION AND FOLLOW-UP VISITS, UNDER THE
VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS AND THE
US-DPRK INTERIM CONSULAR UNDERSTANDING OF DECEMBER
1994.
- WE WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO RAISE MR. HUNZIKER'S CASE
IN CONTACTS WITH OFFICIALS AT THE DPRK MISSION TO
THE UN.
- WE REMAIN DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FATE OF MR.
HUNZIKER AND CALL ON DPRK OFFICIALS TO RELEASE HIM
IMMEDIATELY FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS.

8. NEW ZEALAND: ELECTION RESULTS

Q. WOULD YOU CARE TO COMMENT ON THE OCTOBER 12

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN NEW ZEALAND?

- A. WHILE THE RESULTS WILL NOT BE FINAL UNTIL A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF "SPECIAL" ABSENTEE AND OUT-OF-DISTRICT VOTES ARE COUNTED LATER THIS MONTH, IT APPEARS THAT NO SINGLE PARTY HAS GAINED ENOUGH VOTES TO FORM A GOVERNMENT IN ITS OWN RIGHT. THIS MEANS NEW ZEALAND'S FIRST ELECTION
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UNDER THE NEW MIXED MEMBER PROPORTIONAL (MMP) SYSTEM WILL PRODUCE A COALITION OR MINORITY GOVERNMENT.

- EITHER THE GOVERNING NATIONAL PARTY (WITH ABOUT 34 PERCENT OF THE VOTES) OR THE OPPOSITION LABOUR PARTY (WITH ABOUT 28 PERCENT) COULD BE IN A POSITION TO FORM A GOVERNMENT WITH THE COOPERATION OF OTHER PARTIES. THE U.S. ENJOYS GOOD RELATIONS WITH NEW ZEALAND, WHICH WE EXPECT WOULD CONTINUE UNDER ANY NEW GOVERNMENT.

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